GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRESENCE OF TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various terrorist organizations are strengthening their presence in various States in the country, particularly in Kashmir, North East and Central India;

(b) if so, whether such terrorist affected regions lack basic facilities such as schools and roads and are lagging behind in the matter of other developmental works;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes any scheme for the development of such regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): The overall security situation in J&K continues to show a definite improvement in the last few years. In the North-Eastern region, there has been increase in the number of terrorist incidents during this year upto 31.10.2007, as compared to the corresponding period last year, whereas the number of incidents in Naxal affected States continues to be the same level during this year upto 31.10.2007 as compared to the corresponding period last year. Besides, there have been some cases of terrorist incidents in the hinterland, which is a matter of concern. The policy of the Government is to counter the challenge posed by terrorism by way of a multi-pronged strategy. In pursuance of this strategy, the Government has taken various measures on political, security and development fronts. The Government is willing to talk to all those groups who agree to abjure violence. On the security front, the counter terrorism measures include effective border management to check infiltration across the borders, deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, heightened vigil and security arrangements and around vital installations, strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing capabilities, particularly at the cutting edge level, augmentation and modernization of police forces and raising of India Reserve Battalions, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment with Central and State Police Forces and steps taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with the global imperatives of terrorism. On the development front, a variety of measures have been taken to accelerate developmental activities in the areas affected by terrorism/extremism.